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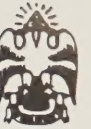
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We are now busily engaged in making our plans for the Pre-Reunion activities and from all indications we have every reason to feel that the "Operation: Let's Go" Reunion will be a most successful one.

Dates for the ladies' night parties in several centers of our territory have been selected and speakers have been secured and it is hoped that these events will produce the enthusiasm that we hope for. This enthusiasm, among other things, means that a goodly number of prospective candidates and their wives will be present for the parties and that they will be induced to sign the petitions. The leaders in the areas where these parties are being held are being urged to make every effort to see that all prospects and their wives are extended an invitation to the party.

We are also making our plans for the usual observances during Holy Week. The first of these, the Maundy Thursday service, is being held in our auditorium on Thursday evening, March 30th at 8:00 o'clock. The speaker on this occasion is one of our promising young members, recently recognized by the Supreme Council for the splendid work he has been doing in the Scottish Rite, Brother William E. Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H. The Sunday morning service commemorating Relighting of the Lights will be held on Easter Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock also in the auditorium. This service will be preceded by a breakfast in the C. A. Seifert Banquet Hall beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

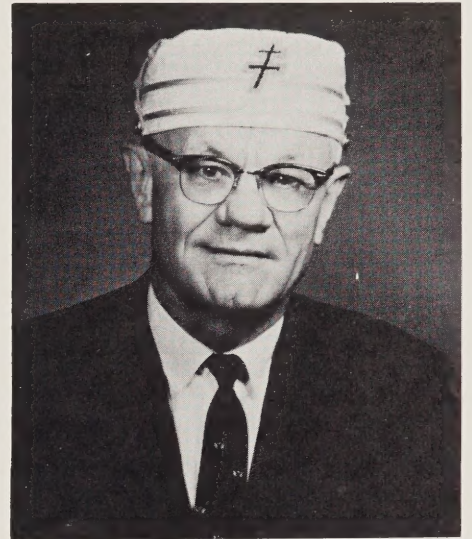
Once again, the Grand Commander, III. Brother Henry C. Clausen, is calling for a Workshop in Washington, D. C. at which he is expecting the heads of the four Scottish Rite Bodies and the Secretary to be present. This Workshop begins early Friday morning, April 7th, and will conclude Saturday afternoon, April 8th. Thus it will be necessary for several of us to be absent for a few days immediately prior to the Reunion and even though this is a terrible time to be absent it is expected that the information and enthusiasm obtained from the Workshop will be very useful in renewing activity in our area.

In the meantime, let us bend every effort to contact those prospects and get their signatures on the petitions. No Reunion can be successful without this.

Sincerely yours,

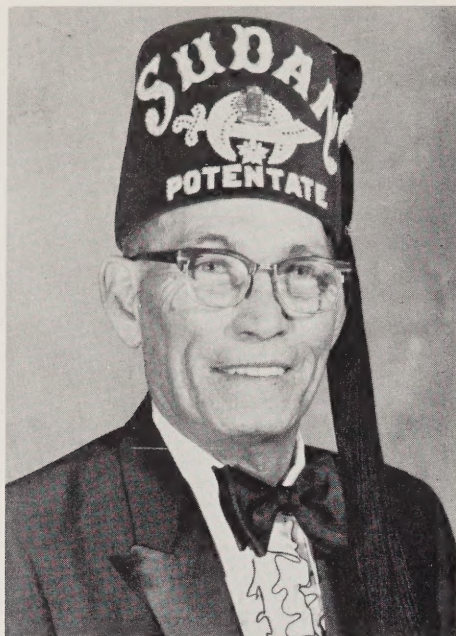
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A. DeLEON GRAY POTENTATE



**A. DeLeon Gray, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Potentate, Sudan Temple**

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern are very happy to add its plaudits to the many recently received by one of our most illustrious members, Brother A. DeLeon Gray, 32°, K.C.C.H., who in January of 1972 was elevated to the top position in Sudan Temple, Ancient Arabic of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Brother Leon became Potentate of Sudan Temple and immediately plunged into the implementation of the very interesting program he is hopeful of pursuing during the year.

Brother Gray is no stranger to Masons in North Carolina. He has been Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage since 1946 and has been the able administrator of that institution ever since.

He is active in all branches of Masonry and in practically all of the dependent Bodies. He has been recognized by practically all of them in being elevated to their top positions.

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern salute Leon Gray as Potentate of Sudan Temple and as it expresses its pride in him and the work he has done, it extends also a fervent hope that his year as Potentate will be one of the most enjoyable he has ever spent.

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Bill Blair To Speak Maundy Thursday Service

The New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies are making their plans for an observance of the two Holy Week services, the first of which is that service in which we commemorate the extinguishing of the lights. This service is scheduled for the evening of March 30, 1972 in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Temple and will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock.

Featuring the service will be an inspirational address by one of our most active and enthusiastic members, William E. Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., now living in Hatteras, N. C.

Bill, as he is familiarly known, has been a 32° Mason since April 1967 and he began immediately to work for the Scottish Rite. In fact, his labors were so fruitful and productive that the Supreme Council in October 1971 elected him to receive the Investiture of the rank and decoration of the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. This represented a membership in the Scottish Rite of exactly four years and is the shortest period of time in which a member can receive this honor.

Bill prepared himself for the teaching profession following in the footsteps of his illustrious father, Ed P. Blair, 33°, and for a while was a teacher and principal. Recently, however, he has devoted his time to the management of motel interests in Hatteras.

He is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Professional Educational Fraternity, a member of the Horace Mann League of Educators and currently he is the Senior Warden of his Blue Lodge in Buxton, N. C. Perhaps our members know him more familiarly because of the number of parts he takes in the degrees during the Reunion. In addition to taking a leading part in several degrees he is the very proficient Master of the 13th Degree.

Bill is also a teacher in his Sunday School and a Lay Reader in his church, substituting on occasions for the Pastor.

Certainly our members in our Maundy Thursday service are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to Bill's presentation.

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The Ceremony of Relighting the Lights will be held on Easter Sunday morning, April 2nd, 1972 and will begin with the breakfast in the C. A. Seifert Banquet Hall at 7:30 o'clock. The breakfast will be followed by the Ceremony of Relighting the Lights at 8:00 o'clock in the auditorium. All of our members within a reasonable distance are expected to attend.

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Maundy Thursday

March 30, 1972



William E. Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H.



TENEBRAE

"It is the hour when the veil of the Temple was rent in twain; when darkness reigned and consternation oppressed all the earth when the Flaming Star was eclipsed and the shadow overcame the Light, when the Columns and Working Tools of the old Masonry were shattered, and when the Cubical Stone sweated water and blood the instant when the Word was lost."

Call of Chapter—To Labor

Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise
Master, Presiding

Prayer W. L. Adams, 33°

Remarks

"Calvary"

Address William E. Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights



Easter Sunday

April 2, 1972 — 7:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST

LUX TENEBRIS

"THE MOMENT when the word was received; when the Cubical Stone was changed into the Mystic Rose; when the Blazing Star re-appeared in all its splendor, the Columns of the Temple were re-established and the Working Tools of Masonry were restored; when the True Light dispelled the Darkness, and the New Law began to rule upon the earth."

Call of Chapter—To Labor

Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise
Master, Presiding

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Relighting the Lights

Benediction

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"The meetings of Maundy-Thursday and Easter Sunday, are indispensable. Even if a Knight be alone in a place, he must, in spirit at least, meet on the former day with his brethren. If a brother be traveling and meets another on the road, they are obliged to go to some convenient place to perform this duty. If two Knights live within twenty miles of each other they must meet and celebrate the mystic supper."

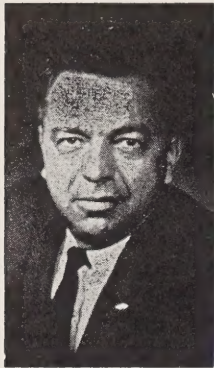
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Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

No fanfare. Here's . . .

A PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY



God, Give me eyes
that I might see
the work that can
be done by me;

God, give me ears
that I might hear
the cries of those
who need me near.

God, give me lips
that I might speak
comfort and peace
to all who seek;

God, give me a mind,
that I might know how to help those
who need me so.

God, give me hands that I might do some
large or simple task for Thee;

God, give me a prayer, that I might pray
Thy help and guidance every day.
And this one thing, all else above; God,
give me a heart, that I may love. Amen

— Author Unknown

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Our minds can become treasure houses
if we make nests of pleasant thoughts.

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All progress stems from change, but all
change is not progress.

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Some folks never exaggerate. They
just remember big.

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A lawyer of advanced years asked, "How
old are you, madam?"

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A long pause ensued.

"Don't hesitate, my dear," he urged.
"The longer you wait the older you be-
come."

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Tourist: "I got up at dawn to see the
sunrise."

Second Tourist: "Well, you couldn't
have picked a better time."

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It never occurs to a youth that some-
day he will know as little as his father.

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Abraham Lincoln said, "I like to see a
person proud of the place in which he
lives and then so live that the place will
be proud of him."

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Wife, working crossword puzzle: "John,
what's a three-letter word for a female
sheep?"

"Ewe," he said.

And that's how the fight began.

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Archeologists are trying to find out
where man came from, an undertaking
almost as difficult as finding out where he
is going.

"Is there anybody in the congregation
who wants a prayer said for their fail-
ings?" asked the minister.

"Yes," came an answer from a man in
the front row. "I'm a spendthrift. I
throw my money around, reckless like."

"Very well," said the minister. "We
will join in a prayer for the brother here
— just after the collection plate has been
passed."

* * * * *

"Doctor, come quick," she telephoned.
"My little boy just swallowed my fountain
pen!"

"I'll be right over!" exclaimed the
doctor. "What are you doing in the mean-
time?"

"Using my other fountain pen."

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Now, Brethren, until next month —
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sities have increased to four: food, cloth-
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Paul Stevens

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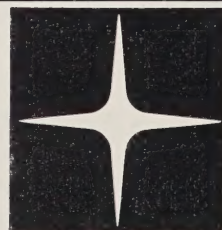
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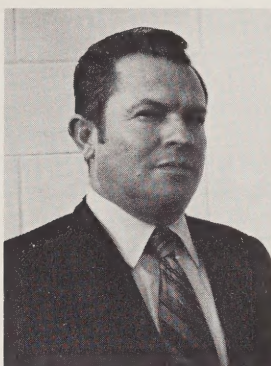
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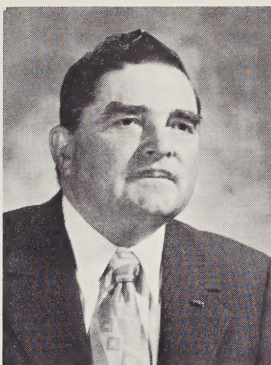
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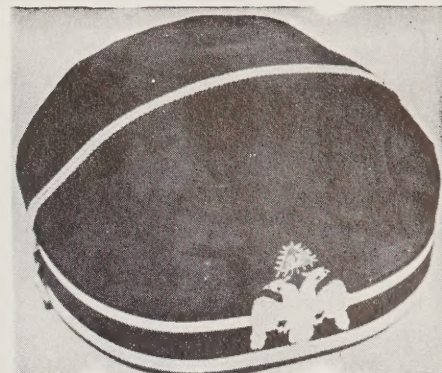
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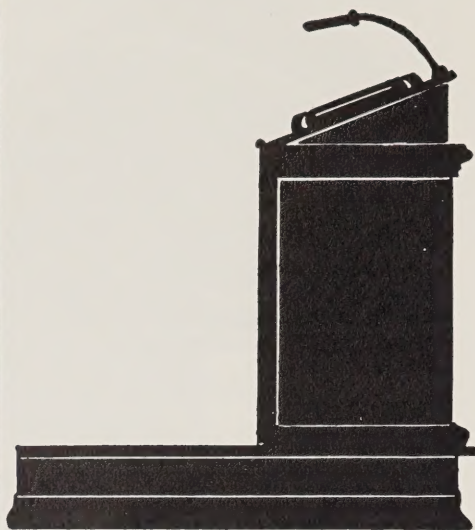


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BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

THIS NEW YEAR AND HOPE

As we approach this new year it reminds us of the old saying that, "Mankind makes progress like a man rowing a boat." He goes forward by looking backward.

That is only partly true. The man in the rowboat does not constantly look back the way he has come. Frequently he turns his head around to look over his shoulder at what lies ahead; so that he can avoid striking the snags, sandbars, and everything else that might lie in his path. Human affairs require the same kind of alertness. Many a business has been wrecked because the owner only looked backward; yet, on the other hand, to look forward alone, mankind could also reap disaster and trouble.

Scottish Masonry or Free-Masonry in general brings out the beauty or the meaning or memory and hope in the succession of its various degrees. Our teachings are eminently practical in that they build on what has gone before. Its statutes can be obeyed by every just, upright man, no matter what his faith or creed is. Its object is to attain the greatest practical good. It does not meddle with religion. It dwells upon the memory of what has gone on in the preceding degrees and continually emphasizes the hope of the future. *It teaches those truths that are written down by the finger of God upon*

the heart of man.

We do well to recognize that we are parts of a great moving machine. No human individual stands alone or lives by his own wits and wisdom solely. There is some unifying life, or mind, or power that links man to man or generation to generation. What we are, or think, hope to be, or do rests largely on what other men have done and thought before us.

Scottish Masonry holds some definite truths which are pertinent to all of us. It is his Country on which one is taught to lavish his affection and his efforts. It is his house and not a tent; his home and not merely a school. He is sent into this world not to be constantly looking after, or dreaming of preparing for another world, but to do his duty here and to fulfill his destiny on this earth; to do all

that lies in his power to improve it; to render it a scene of happiness to himself and to those around him and to those who are to come after him. *Is this not the same thought that we are to get as we look ahead?*

We need desperately to get a fresh, new look into Free-Masonry. One of the mottoes we need most is, "Look to the rock from which you were hewn, the quarry from which you were dug." Life is the wonderful creation of God; it is light sprung from darkness by a power far greater than ours. There is good for the good; virtue for the faithful; and victory for the valiant. As Albert Pike says, "There is even in this humble life, an infinity for those whose desires are boundless. There are blessings upon its birth and hope upon its death." Thus, we our-

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without first checking on the size and approximate strength of her close kin.

Another boy and I sought one day to relieve the boredom by having a little smoke. We took some rabbit tobacco and some toilet paper and concocted a sort of cigarette which we fired up in a far corner while the teacher was involved with one of the other grades. Any supposition we held that we might get away with this indiscretion was founded upon pretty poor substance — that thing stunk like you never heard about and we were detected and apprehended during the very first stages of smoke-induced nausea. We were led (by the ears) down the hall to one of the empty classrooms and there were made to wash out our mouths with soap and water. Our palets were thus subjected to two overwhelmingly exotic experiences during a very short period and were not exactly ecstatic in their appreciation thereof. It was a day or so before anything tasted good again.

When somebody needed a switching — which was oftener than seldom — the downstairs teacher had this cute trick of sending the culprit out to fetch the instrument with which his chastisement was to be inflicted. Such a problem of

judgement was likely too weighty to be imposed upon one so young. The victim was constrained by the instinct of self-preservation to bring back a switch capable of inflicting only minor wounds, yet he knew full well that if the switch he fetched did not measure up to the teacher's requirements she would send one of the other kids for a switch of more gruesome capabilities and she had the uncanny knack of always selecting one of the victim's arch enemies to fetch the second switch. It was an awful dilemma, this going out to select the switch destined for your own torment.

One day the teacher sent this boy, named Robert, out to get a switch with which she promised to reward some of his recent sins, and as he was leaving the room she heightened his anticipation and awed the other students with a lurid description of the use she planned to make of the switch when Robert returned. Well, Robert just didn't feel capable of making the proper switch selection, and he had developed a distinct aversion to sharing the spotlight with the teacher, so he just kept on going. He lit out across the field until he hit the railroad tracks, there he turned west and headed for home.

He may have been in a little danger if he had met any eastbound trains but he sure didn't need to worry any about the westbound trains — they couldn't have caught him. Robert never did attend another day of school.

Before consolidation our school had its own light plant — there was at that time no rural electrification, likewise its own water system and central heating. After reduction to a two-room operation it was not economically feasible to maintain these refinements; night activities and anything else requiring electricity were eliminated, pot-bellied stoves were installed in the two classrooms, and certain outdoor facilities were constructed. We operated this way for one school year, following which the remaining students were transferred to the other school and another community institution had passed out of existence.

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"From Up The Neuse"

by John D. Charlton, 32°

I was surprised, but more alarmed, to note on the back page of the February issue of the "Bagpipe" that there are over 5,000 Scottish Rite Masons living in the jurisdiction of the New Bern Consistory that are not affiliated with our bodies. However, I find it hard to believe that all of these 5,000 Masons failed to move their church membership when they moved into this jurisdiction! But, perhaps some of them did not and I find the thoughts of this even more distressing. To me this makes a point, at least some of us have not conveyed to a brother a very strong feeling of brotherly love and affection or he would want to be associated with us in a more intimate fraternal way. In addition, it is reasonable to presume that most of these 5,000 plus brothers, Master Masons all, do not have local Blue Lodge affiliations! What a waste, both of the time and resources they initially spent and of the talent and manpower that could be put to work for the good of the order; and not the least, the fact that so many of them have become dormant and are not currently enriching their lives daily with the great tenants of the order. It appears to me that a project of "local affiliation" would be an excellent one for the Scottish Rite



JOHN D. CHARLTON, 32°,
Kinston, N. C.

Clubs of the Consistory. To obtain a new member by affiliation means as much as a new candidate, and also don't forget those who need to reinstate themselves.

Some will say that both of these categories are "men get out of something"

weary of what appears to them to be neglect, and/or inability to contribute, fall by the wayside. However, all of the neglect is not imagined but very real. One gift our God gave to all of us was the gift of love and compassion for our brothers. When we fail to show this true feeling of brotherly love and affection for our brothers is it little wonder we have trouble convincing them that they should become an active part of Scottish Masonry again or for the first time. As our Gentle Jesus taught — if you are to call upon my name and that of God the Father you should have nothing but love in your heart for your brother. If we will endeavor to govern ourselves more by this teaching, we will not find it a difficult task to "add to the harvest" for those outside will want to belong again to a fellowship that exudes brotherly love and affection for all.

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POWER TO CREATE

Today every one is crying out for the creative spirit. There is the desire to create new cities, a new social order, a new and better world, and to create a new and independent national life.

But everyone who tries to read the signs of the times must be conscious of a great contradiction, and perhaps this is the paramount tragedy of our age, that while there is a universal urge to create there is also the inability to create! Creative longings and creative impotence go together. Everywhere there is lacking this one vital thing — the surety of creative energy and force for the want of which man's supreme efforts and achievements are either corrupted or paralyzed.

The fount of creative power has dried up! We can see it in the realm of morals, in the absence of great virtues and the fact that everything good is meagre and everything evil is luxuriant. It may be seen in politics, where in spite of so many protestations about brotherhood and unity the same old game of power-politics is being played. In art and literature, too, it may be seen for these no longer deal with great themes in a great manner, but depict in a second rate way what is unnatural and diseased. The realm of knowledge and wisdom suffer from the same impotence, for, the search for wisdom has become a barren questioning as whether man can really know anything at all. And as for science, its greatest triumphs, its greatest achievement, has proved to be the most terrifying instrument of destruction! All this is enough to show how true it is that in the world today man's creative power is well nigh exhausted. That is why, on every hand, there is a widespread sense of frustration, failure, dissatisfaction, and above all, fear. Although he will never admit it, the pride of man has been humbled and his brightest dreams have turned into night-mares!

Masonry was created as the pillar and bulwark of truth. It is a unique "Society" with a unique mission. Its uniqueness consists in the fact that it is based on the will and purposes of the Great Architect of the Universe. It is, therefore, when



Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

true to its mission imperishable. However, the disfigurement of the fraternity may be the unfaithfulness of the craftsmen. It may at times unworthily discharge its appointed task. Yet, however often it may compromise with the world and its way, however scarred or besmirked it may be by the assaults of its foes, it is a "society" that never loses the marks of its divine origin; the stamp of its creator remains upon it. Masonry survives today although rocked by many storms, torn by many a tumult, battered by many a contest with its enemies, because the Great Master called it into birth and because He maintains its existence. Because it is of Him, it stands and will continue to stand, the eternal and imperishable Temple.

The creative power of Masonry is seen in its creation of new men . . . not different men or improved men, but new men. In all time Masonry has been doing what no other person and no other power (unless of God) can hope to do, despite all the proud claims of the modern humanist, creating new men. It imparts new life to the True Craftsman. The heart of the matter is that if anyone is dissatisfied with himself and the life he now lives,

he can have a "new life", a new self, by living the tenets of our noble order, he is "brought from death to life" by a strong grip, both of a physical and spiritual nature.

Why, then, to go back to where we started this article, is it that in the world today, although there is a widespread urge to create, yet in every aspect of experience, in morals, in politics, in art, literature, wisdom and science, there is creative sterility, creative impotence, the power to destroy even the power to make things, yet not to create? Let one of the richest and most penetrating minds of the present time provide the answer. Nicolas Berdyaev has declared, "Thus man emerges from modern history not only deeply disillusioned, inwardly divided and disintegrated, but also creatively exhausted. Incapable of creating, he yet thirsts to create; this is the sign both of his impotence and the penalty inflicted on him for his self-affirmation and humanist refusal to submit himself to the supernatural, as a result of which his image disintegrates and his forces are dissipated." Only when men submit themselves to the supernatural, to God, will there come the great upsurging and liberation of creative energy and power for the lack of which the world is crippled in our unhappy age.

And what of ourselves? In the daily walks of our life we are trying to create, to create character, to create homes and countless other things. In many ways and several directions the creative impulse rises within us, because we are God's Craftsmen. This creative power that creates a new bond between God and men, that creates the new society and new men, avails for you and me in the great Masonic teachings and brotherhood.

Keep open the lines of communication between yourselves and the Great Architect of the Universe; read well the designs on the Trestleboard of your heart, so that there may flow into our souls and throb and surge through our innermost being the creative power of God, so that we may prove true in our own experience His long-standing promise — the building of that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

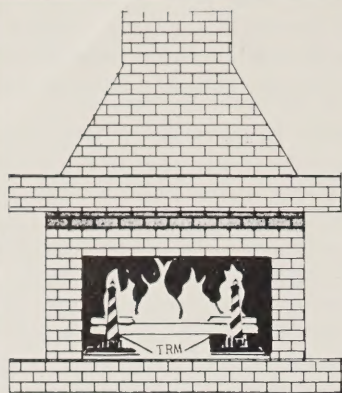
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HEARTH-SIDE CHATS

By

Tom MacRae, 32°



One of life's little pleasures is listening to the conversations on a two-way police radio which have plenty of humor as well as tragedy.

In our office we recently installed a 16-channel monitor and had a special antenna rigged on the chimney alongside the TV mount. The ensemble, to the casual passerby, must resemble the equipment at Cape Kennedy.

Not long ago a state trooper, through the bored voice of a dispatcher, was ordered to report the following day to a ranking officer in Raleigh.

A fellow trooper, overhearing the message, radioed his best wishes: "Guess they are fixing to make you a sergeant." Back came the answer: "I'm going to hold out for lieutenant."

As this is being written a Jacksonville cop radioed headquarters to report a car had crashed through the window of a supermarket: "Call a newspaper photographer." The desk man replied: "Ten-Four (O.K.), you might get your picture in the paper."

Police officers everywhere, regardless of rank, look forward to completing their tour of duty on time just like a young secretary with a big evening date. A wreck call is the LAST thing they want during a shift's final 15 minutes.

Recently an understandably irate officer was notified of a traffic accident TWO MINUTES before his relief was scheduled to take over. How about holding up that call for two minutes and let handle it?" he queried. "Sorry about that," came the dispatcher's sweet reply, "but I've got to put the disposition on the assignment BEFORE I CAN GO HOME."

Remi Savage, the veteran dispatcher at the Highway Patrol's Wilmington station

and a lodge secretary, must know every inch of Brunswick and New Hanover Counties. Not long ago a new trooper wanted to know how to reach a certain road. Brother Savage's detailed instructions, helpful to be sure, sounded something like this:

"You drive out Smith Road about three miles. Turn left at the white store with the green roof. Go up that road to where you can see two churches on the right. Turn right at the church with the steeple. Don't turn by the church with the shrubbery in the yard. About two miles down that road you'll see a big oak tree. Slow there and look for a small unpaved road that comes out between two bushes. You'll find the 10-50 (wreck) just down from there . . ."

Another time a newly-assigned trooper, lost in Wilmington, asked Brother Savage for directions to the patrol station. "What do you see in front of you right now?" Savage asked. The trooper described the view through his windshield. "Just come straight on for three miles and you'll be here," came the laconic advice.

While the FCC has rigid rules governing what can be said — and can't be said — on the air, frustrated law enforcement officers are only human.

Last month a police car was attempting to "clear the way" for an ambulance enroute to the hospital with the stork in very close pursuit. Cars failed to pull over for the flashing blue lights and screaming sirens.

"What's taking you so long to reach the hospital?" the dispatcher inquired. Back came a reply the FCC would never endorse. "These . . . cars won't pull over . . ." followed by an audible choke and silence.

Another dispatcher had trouble contacting a car near Hubert. Several calls were made without a response. Then came the dispatcher's voice: "Any car near Hubert, NORTH CAROLINA!" (Silence continued.)

In a South Carolina sheriff's office we were chatting with the gentleman when his radio gave forth a burst of Spanish. The elderly sheriff, who had never left his native state, bluntly asked, "Who the . . . is that?"

With his permission we picked up the microphone and shot some Spanish across the airwaves. No response. We then sang (?) one of the verses of La Cucaracha that never appeared in a family magazine. "Quien es?" one Spanish-speaking gentleman asked a colleague. "Un gringo" was the reply. Oral contact was made and we learned the Spanish came from the "National Police of Cuba." (We neglected to identify our station.)

The most classic police broadcast we heard, however, came early one morning in Georgia. Two gal dispatchers were exchanging cake recipes.

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Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting Monday night, Feb. 7, 1972, at "Tetterton's Restaurant" with good attendance and a splendid dinner.

Which one of us, standing facing the setting sun, has not pondered what lies beyond the veil which separates the seen from the unseen.

Time and events have shaped a new America. The economic system, the structure of government, the technology of living, the temperament of the people and even religious and moral precepts bear little resemblance to those prevailing in the America of yesterday.

There prevails an uncertainty in many

minds about the shape of the America of the future. Nothing could remove that uncertainty more quickly than a return to the "first principles" that will govern the lives of everyone in the new America just as they did in the old.

The basic foundation upon which this nation was founded, and has become the greatest nation the world has ever known, is woven through and through with the principles of Masonry. The life-line of Masonry and the life-line of morality and of religion is the plumb-line.

The Mason works with his trowel in one hand and with a plumb-line in the other. The man of integrity, the man of wisdom and the man who is going to do a work that will live, must do the same. If your work and mine is to abide, then whatever the daily task, as we labor with the trowel in our right hand, let us ever and continuously test our work by the

plumbline of God's law.

America which is made up of its individual citizens, has been sewing to the wind, consequently it must expect to reap the whirlwind. Too many deny the existence of God and his sustaining power, by which the Universe was created and is perpetuated.

When man builds by the perfect laws of the perfect God, the work will stand. But whenever man compromises, in any manner of living, whether in mind, in character, or in body, or in spiritual life, he fails and fails. In your speech, or in your conduct, or in whatever you do, or are, it doesn't matter how small the deviation from God's standard, it means ultimately your wreck, ruin and disaster, if you fail to obey God.

If America is to stand, if the Republic is to live, and we are to save humanity from taking the path of tragedy across the unknown sea of the future, somebody has got to stand by our political wall, with a plumb-line in his hand. God is drawing His plumb-line over the nations today. Human institutions are being weighed in the balances. We are going to learn that some day, and when we learn it, it will be a big day for America.

The minute you tilt a plumb-line, you haven't any plumb-line. The minute you deviate from truth, you haven't any truth. You must accept the plumb-line perfectly or reject it entirely. Any deviation from the law of God, however small, if carried

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far enough into the infinite, will mean failure, destruction and oblivion.

God says, "I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Jehovah".

My brethren, that "famine of hearing the word of the Lord" is upon us right now. Multiplied thousands neither hear nor heed the word of the Lord. A crime wave is upon us. Truth is fallen in the street. Households are wrecked, society polluted, character blasted and the nations are in turmoil. This age needs God's plumb-line; this age has forgotten God. Society is crumbling, tilting like a wall about to fall.

Who was it that organized these United States of America? The Protestant Church and the Masonic Lodge. A government "of the people, by the people and for the people. I never saw a man that had a backbone instead of a wishbone or who was anything of a man, start in Masonry and back out. Sometimes, of course, you may find a weakling; you can't blame him and you can't help him.

Let us go forth to build again, using the plumb-line, on which our nation was founded, that we may fulfill God's will for us as a people.

W. C. Chesson

Chowan Scottish Rite Club

The Chowan Scottish Rite Club held its monthly meeting on Jan. 21, 1972 at the Club house on Granville St. The members and their wives enjoyed a delicious steak dinner.

President Brad Williford outlined the objectives and goals for 1972 and appointed committees to explore the feasibility of attaining these goals and an excellent fellowship session was enjoyed by all.

The President takes this opportunity to urge all Scottish Rite Masons to join with us, we solicit your membership, support, fellowship, and brotherly love.

Now is the time to get your candidates in line for the Spring Reunion and make your plans to attend.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Brad Williford, President
Don Quinton, Secretary-Treasurer

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The regular meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was called to order on Feb. 7, 1972 by Vice-President J. C. Campobasso. Twenty members were in attendance. Noting that the Spring Reunion will soon be here and that not as many candidates as usual are available, it was suggested that the members work

In Memoriam

*Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears,
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.*

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Robert W. Luther, 32°, Elizabeth City, N. C.	December 25, 1971
Linwood M. Gaskins, Sr., 32°, Kinston, N. C.	November 4, 1971
Alton Jobe Bailey, 32°, Raleigh, N. C.	February 20, 1972

on some of the older Master Masons who have been hesitating about advancing to the Scottish Rite. The Vice-President feels that these members might respond to a little coaxing and some might take a little push.

Among other items discussed were a stag night and a ladies night but no definite plans were made. With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

J. C. Campobasso, Vice-President
Acting Secretary

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club met at the Carolina Coffee Shop, Thursday night January 27th with President Gid Kight, presiding. Brother Kight offered the Prayer opening the meeting. After dinner the following officers were elected for the year: Brother Cosby S. Jones, 32°, President; John D. Sanderlin, 32°, Vice-President and W. M. "Coonie" Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H., Secretary-Treasurer. Brother Richard K. Holloman, who has served our club as Secretary-Treasurer, since it was formed explained his reasons

for being unable to take the office this year. Brother "Dick" has done a fine job and we are sorry to lose him, though we know he will still be an active member.

Business brought up was concerning our Maundy Thursday services and ladies' night shrimp supper.

W. M. Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H.,
Secretary

Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club

Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club met at Brockway Masonic Hall Thursday night, 8:00 p.m. Feb. 3rd. Chas. A. Denham called the meeting to order with 16 members present. There being no old or unfinished business, the order of new business called for plans to be made at this time for our Ladies' Night dinner prior to the Spring Scottish Rite Reunion in New Bern.

The date proposed was March 23rd subject to confirmation by Secretary of Scottish Rite bodies in New Bern. A motion was made and seconded to set aside this date (if available), the motion was carried.

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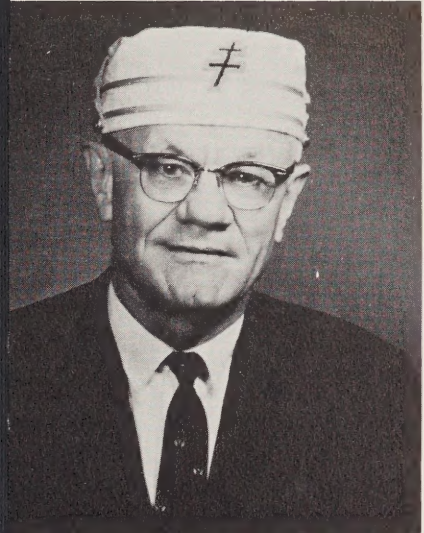
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be induced to sign the petition where these parties are being every effort to see that all pro tended an invitation to the par

We are also making our plan for Holy Week. The first of these, the Maundy Thursday service, is being held on Thursday evening, March 30th at 8:00 o'clock. The speaker on this occasion is one of our promising young members, recently recognized by the Supreme Council for the splendid work he has been doing in the Scottish Rite, Brother William E. Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H. The Sunday morning service commemorating Relighting of the Lights will be held on Easter Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock also in the auditorium. This service will be preceded by a breakfast in the C. A. Seifert Banquet Hall beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Once again, the Grand Commander, III. Brother Henry C. Clausen, is calling for a Workshop in Washington, D. C. at which he is expecting the heads of the four Scottish Rite Bodies and the Secretary to be present. This Workshop begins early Friday morning, April 7th, and will conclude Saturday afternoon, April 8th. Thus it will be necessary for several of us to be absent for a few days immediately prior to the Reunion and even though this is a terrible time to be absent it is expected that the information and enthusiasm obtained from the Workshop will be very useful in renewing activity in our area.

In the meantime, let us bend every effort to contact those prospects and get their signatures on the petitions. No Reunion can be successful without this.

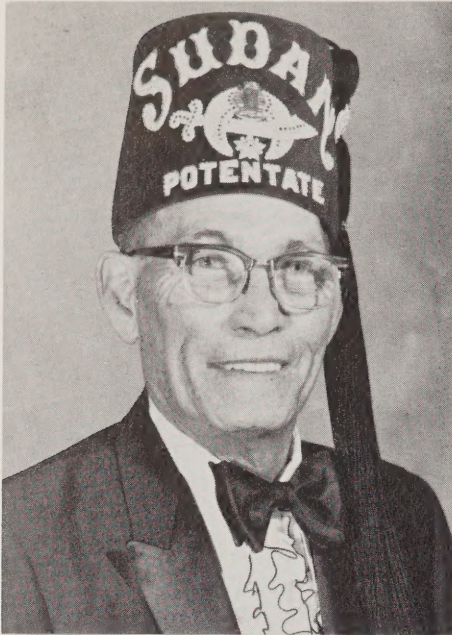
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R. L. Pugh

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°

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A. DeLEON GRAY POTENTATE



A. DeLeon Gray, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Potentate, Sudan Temple

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern are very happy to add its plaudits to the many recently received by one of our most illustrious members, Brother A. DeLeon Gray, 32°, K.C.C.H., who in January of 1972 was elevated to the top position in Sudan Temple, Ancient Arabic of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Brother Leon became Potentate of Sudan Temple and immediately plunged into the implementation of the very interesting program he is hopeful of pursuing during the year.

Brother Gray is no stranger to Masons in North Carolina. He has been Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage since 1946 and has been the able administrator of that institution ever since.

He is active in all branches of Masonry and in practically all of the dependent Bodies. He has been recognized by practically all of them in being elevated to their top positions.

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern salute Leon Gray as Potentate of Sudan Temple and as it expresses its pride in him and the work he has done, it extends also a fervent hope that his year as Potentate will be one of the most enjoyable he has ever spent.

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"THE MOMENT when the word was received; when the Cubical Stone was changed into the Mystic Rose; when the Blazing Star re-appeared in all its splendor, the Columns of the Temple were re-established and the Working Tools of Masonry were restored; when the True Light dispelled the Darkness, and the New Law began to rule upon the earth."

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"The meetings of Maundy-Thursday and Easter Sunday, are indispensable. Even if a Knight be alone in a place, he must, in spirit at least, meet on the former day with his brethren. If a brother be traveling and meets another on the road, they are obliged to go to some convenient place to perform this duty. If two Knights live within twenty miles of each other they must meet and celebrate the mystic supper."

Call of Chapter—To Labor

Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise
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Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Relighting the Lights

Benediction

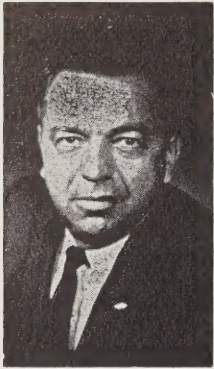
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Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

No fanfare. Here's . . .

A PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY



God, Give me eyes
that I might see
the work that can
be done by me;

God, give me ears
that I might hear
the cries of those
who need me near.

God, give me lips
that I might speak
comfort and peace
to all who seek;

God, give me a mind,
that I might know how to help those
who need me so.

God, give me hands that I might do some
large or simple task for Thee;

God, give me a prayer, that I might pray
Thy help and guidance every day.

And this one thing, all else above; God,
give me a heart, that I may love. Amen

— Author Unknown

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Our minds can become treasure houses
if we make nests of pleasant thoughts.

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All progress stems from change, but all
change is not progress.

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Some folks never exaggerate. They
just remember big.

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A lawyer of advanced years asked, "How
old are you, madam?"

A long pause ensued.

"Don't hesitate, my dear," he urged.
"The longer you wait the older you be-
come."

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Tourist: "I got up at dawn to see the
sunrise."

Second Tourist: "Well, you couldn't
have picked a better time."

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It never occurs to a youth that some-
day he will know as little as his father.

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Abraham Lincoln said, "I like to see a
person proud of the place in which he
lives and then so live that the place will
be proud of him."

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Wife, working crossword puzzle: "John,
what's a three-letter word for a female
sheep?"

"Ewe," he said.

And that's how the fight began.

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Archeologists are trying to find out
where man came from, an undertaking
almost as difficult as finding out where he
is going.

"Is there anybody in the congregation
who wants a prayer said for their fail-
ings?" asked the minister.

"Yes," came an answer from a man in
the front row. "I'm a spendthrift. I
throw my money around, reckless like."

"Very well," said the minister. "We
will join in a prayer for the brother here
— just after the collection plate has been
passed."

* * * * *

"Doctor, come quick," she telephoned.
"My little boy just swallowed my fountain
pen!"

"I'll be right over!" exclaimed the
doctor. "What are you doing in the mean-
time?"

"Using my other fountain pen."

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Now, Brethren, until next month —
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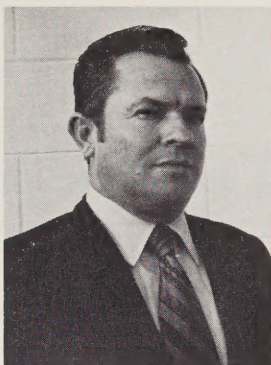
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From The Classroom



BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

THIS NEW YEAR AND HOPE

As we approach this new year it reminds us of the old saying that, "Mankind makes progress like a man rowing a boat." He goes forward by looking backward.

That is only partly true. The man in the rowboat does not constantly look back the way he has come. Frequently he turns his head around to look over his shoulder at what lies ahead; so that he can avoid striking the snags, sandbars, and everything else that might lie in his path. Human affairs require the same kind of alertness. Many a business has been wrecked because the owner only looked backward; yet, on the other hand, to look forward alone, mankind could also reap disaster and trouble.

Scottish Masonry or Free-Masonry in general brings out the beauty or the meaning or memory and hope in the succession of its various degrees. Our teachings are eminently practical in that they build on what has gone before. Its statutes can be obeyed by every just, upright man, no matter what his faith or creed is. Its object is to attain the greatest practical good. It does not meddle with religion. It dwells upon the memory of what has gone on in the preceding degrees and continually emphasizes the hope of the future. *It teaches those truths that are written down by the finger of God upon*

the heart of man.

We do well to recognize that we are parts of a great moving machine. No human individual stands alone or lives by his own wits and wisdom solely. There is some unifying life, or mind, or power that links man to man or generation to generation. What we are, or think, hope to be, or do rests largely on what other men have done and thought before us.

Scottish Masonry holds some definite truths which are pertinent to all of us. It is his Country on which one is taught to lavish his affection and his efforts. It is his house and not a tent; his home and not merely a school. He is sent into this world not to be constantly looking after, or dreaming of preparing for another world, but do his duty here and to fulfill his destiny on this earth; to do all

that lies in his power to improve it; to render it a scene of happiness to himself and to those around him and to those who are to come after him. *Is this not the same thought that we are to get as we look ahead?*

We need desperately to get a fresh, new look into Free-Masonry. One of the mottoes we need most is, "Look to the rock from which you were hewn, the quarry from which you were dug." Life is the wonderful creation of God; it is light sprung from darkness by a power far greater than ours. There is good for the good; virtue for the faithful; and victory for the valiant. As Albert Pike says, "There is even in this humble life, an infinity for those whose desires are boundless. There are blessings upon its birth and hope upon its death." Thus, we our-

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selves in a large measure make our fortunes good or bad.

The true Mason must be and must have a right to be content with himself, and he can be so only when he lives not for himself alone, but for others also, who need our assistance and have a claim upon our sympathy. It has been well said that "Charity is the great channel through which God passes all of his mercy upon mankind."

All of these things might well be in our minds as we go into this another new year. We go to our cemeteries to honor our dead — the leaders and defenders of our Nation, as well as our Faith. How long will this Nation and our homes endure in this threatened World of ours? The answer is that just as long as there are men who have the sense of a call and a duty and a responsibility under God, our Creator, to preserve the Freedom that was given to us.

Thus, my brethren, Masonry had a hand in that Freedom. May we not let this year pass without thinking of this new year and how we might keep our Movement alive, vibrant and fresh. For therein lies a part of the Hope of the World.

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CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash & Savings (Schedule 1)	EXHIBIT A All Funds \$101,371.82
Receivables	4,172.51
Inventory	2,398.35
Prepaid Insurance	1,950.56

Total Current Assets \$109,893.24

CAPITAL ASSETS:

Assets — Net of Depreciation 368,900.00

Total Assets \$478,793.84

LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Payroll Taxes	\$ 845.12
Accounts Payable	6,362.65

Total Current Liabilities \$ 7,207.77

DEFERRED CREDITS:

Dues Paid In Advance 39,941.00

Total Liabilities and Deferred Credits \$ 47,148.77

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 Asst. Marshal, Leslie L. Parker, 32°, K.C.C.H.
 Director of Dining Room, Charles T. Potter, 33°

REUNION ACTIVITIES**Tuesday, April 11, 1972**

- 10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Ophille, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Lewis, Pete McSorley and Tom Cathey.
- 10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Ben F. Gillikin, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Jack Edwards, C. W. Guptil, J. G. McDaniel, Dewey Gillikin, L. T. Barrington, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, Andrew Murphy, Pete McSorley, Bill Stovall, W. E. Gardner and T. H. Miller.
- 11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. W. J. Rogers, Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, Paul Jewett and Leslie H. Garner.
- 12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, B. L. Parker, M. D. Ophille, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.
- 1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.
- 2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Odell Merrill and W. J. Ipock, Jr.
- 3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by James B. Davis, L. Guy Matthis, M. D. Ophille, B. F. Gillikin, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, J. G. McDaniel, Elijah Cannon, Paul Vogan and Pete McSorley.
- 4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptil, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly and Garland E. Taylor.
- 4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, William C. Kellum and Marshal Harvey.
- 12°—Communicated.
- 5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett, E. P. Blair and Johnny West.

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Program Scottish Rite Reunion (Cont.)

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Awards Night.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by B. F. Gillikin, Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptil, James E. Blaylock, W. E. Gardner, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant and Jack Edwards.

Wednesday, April 12, 1972

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Leggett, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhodes, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree and Charles A. Litchfield.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Harry L. Mann, Raymond Leggett, Harold Sawyer, Edward Ray Edwards and S. Jack Tripp.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. William C. Hammond, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, R. V. McBryde, Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell and R. Hoyt Randall.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.

22°—

23°—

Communicated.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, P. T. Lancaster, Angus D. Hatsell and Frank A. Smith.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Raymond Leggett, W. H. Scott, Bill Stovall and Bill Blair.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs and Wilton Walker, Jr.

Thursday, April 13, 1972

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette and Mark Ellis.

3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.

4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony and Herman L. Barnes.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, B. F. Gillikin, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey, Warren H. Coolidge, W. C. Hammond, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson and Neil Vester.

3:45 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, R. L. Pugh, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carol Mercer, Wiley Hill, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall and C. W. Guptil.

5:45 P.M. —Banquet closing Reunion.

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DOWN ON SLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°



It's generally a mark of distinction to be able to say that you attended a one-room school as a kid. I can't quite claim that, but I can come pretty close.

In the first year of school consolidation in our county they transferred all the high school students and most of the grammar school students to a school some miles away and all we had left attending our community school were those kids in grades one through seven who were within walking distance. Also, we were left with only two teachers for the seven grades. It looked as if one of the teachers would have to take four grades and the other teacher three, but they resolved this inequity by promoting the one sixth-grader to the seventh grade and each teacher thus had three grades to teach. The first three grades occupied a downstairs classroom and grades four, five and seven used an upstairs room. The remaining twelve or so rooms lay idle.

I was a fourth-grader and so attended the upstairs room. This was a status symbol. We looked down upon — figuratively and literally — those who went to school downstairs.

What with three grades each to take care of, each teacher adopted the method of teaching one grade while the other two grades studied, dividing her time about equally among the three. So, you see, all of us had to spend about two-thirds of our classroom time studying.

For those of us who figured we didn't need that much time — and this included most of us — this arrangement came to be pretty boring and we were constantly involved in various attempts to enliven

the hours. Note passing became one of our favorite diversions. We arranged ball games, struck up love affairs, made jokes about the teacher, and transacted all kinds of business with those notes. Every now and then the teacher would intercept a note and then she'd warm up a few backsides and the mail service would slow down noticeably for a day or so.

Once I took a shine to a girl at the

other end of the row and we got to passing notes fast and furious. It appeared we were involved in one of those deathless romances. We fell out over something, though, and my final note to her was downright insulting. During the next recess her older sister looked me up and slapped me about fourteen ways from Sunday. I made up my mind right then I'd never fall in love with another girl

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6:30 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple

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Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune

1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.

3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre

6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday

9:30 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its formal 18th Century Gardens

12:00 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple

2:30 P.M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest

5:45 P.M. Dinner at Temple

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without first checking on the size and approximate strength of her close kin.

Another boy and I sought one day to relieve the boredom by having a little smoke. We took some rabbit tobacco and some toilet paper and concocted a sort of cigarette which we fired up in a far corner while the teacher was involved with one of the other grades. Any supposition we held that we might get away with this indiscretion was founded upon pretty poor substance — that thing stunk like you never heard about and we were detected and apprehended during the very first stages of smoke-induced nausea. We were led (by the ears) down the hall to one of the empty classrooms and there were made to wash out our mouths with soap and water. Our palets were thus subjected to two overwhelmingly exotic experiences during a very short period and were not exactly ecstatic in their appreciation thereof. It was a day or so before anything tasted good again.

When somebody needed a switching — which was oftener than seldom — the downstairs teacher had this cute trick of sending the culprit out to fetch the instrument with which his chastisement was to be inflicted. Such a problem of

judgement was likely too weighty to be imposed upon one so young. The victim was constrained by the instinct of self-preservation to bring back a switch capable of inflicting only minor wounds, yet he knew full well that if the switch he fetched did not measure up to the teacher's requirements she would send one of the other kids for a switch of more gruesome capabilities and she had the uncanny knack of always selecting one of the victim's arch enemies to fetch the second switch. It was an awful dilemma, this going out to select the switch destined for your own torment.

One day the teacher sent this boy, named Robert, out to get a switch with which she promised to reward some of his recent sins, and as he was leaving the room she heightened his anticipation and awed the other students with a lurid description of the use she planned to make of the switch when Robert returned. Well, Robert just didn't feel capable of making the proper switch selection, and he had developed a distinct aversion to sharing the spotlight with the teacher, so he just kept on going. He lit out across the field until he hit the railroad tracks, there he turned west and headed for home.

He may have been in a little danger if he had met any eastbound trains but he sure didn't need to worry any about the westbound trains — they couldn't have caught him. Robert never did attend another day of school.

Before consolidation our school had its own light plant — there was at that time no rural electrification, likewise its own water system and central heating. After reduction to a two-room operation it was not economically feasible to maintain these refinements; night activities and anything else requiring electricity were eliminated, pot-bellied stoves were installed in the two classrooms, and certain outdoor facilities were constructed. We operated this way for one school year, following which the remaining students were transferred to the other school and another community institution had passed out of existence.

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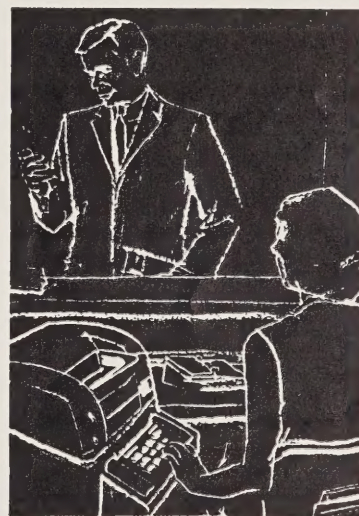
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"From Up The Neuse"

by John D. Charlton, 32°

I was surprised, but more alarmed, to note on the back page of the February issue of the "Bagpipe" that there are over 5,000 Scottish Rite Masons living in the jurisdiction of the New Bern Consistory that are not affiliated with our bodies. However, I find it hard to believe that all of these 5,000 Masons failed to move their church membership when they moved into this jurisdiction! But, perhaps some of them did not and I find the thoughts of this even more distressing. To me this makes a point, at least some of us have not conveyed to a brother a very strong feeling of brotherly love and affection or he would want to be associated with us in a more intimate fraternal way. In addition, it is reasonable to presume that most of these 5,000 plus brothers, Master Masons all, do not have local Blue Lodge affiliations! What a waste, both of the time and resources they initially spent and of the talent and manpower that could be put to work for the good of the order; and not the least, the fact that so many of them have become dormant and are not currently enriching their lives daily with the great tenants of the order. It appears to me that a project of "local affiliation" would be an excellent one for the Scottish Rite



JOHN D. CHARLTON, 32°,
Kinston, N. C.

Clubs of the Consistory. To obtain a new member by affiliation means as much as a new candidate, and also don't forget those who need to reinstate themselves.

Some will say that both of these categories know "you get out of something what you put into it." This to me is shallow thinking. While we are all children of God's creation, we are endowed with different gifts. All cannot become the center of attraction and growing

weary of what appears to them to be neglect, and/or inability to contribute, fall by the wayside. However, all of the neglect is not imagined but very real. One gift our God gave to all of us was the gift of love and compassion for our brothers. When we fail to show this true feeling of brotherly love and affection for our brothers is it little wonder we have trouble convincing them that they should become an active part of Scottish Masonry again or for the first time. As our Gentle Jesus taught — if you are to call upon my name and that of God the Father you should have nothing but love in your heart for your brother. If we will endeavor to govern ourselves more by this teaching, we will not find it a difficult task to "add to the harvest" for those outside will want to belong again to a fellowship that exudes brotherly love and affection for all.

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"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

POWER TO CREATE

Today every one is crying out for the creative spirit. There is the desire to create new cities, a new social order, a new and better world, and to create a new and independent national life.

But everyone who tries to read the signs of the times must be conscious of a great contradiction, and perhaps this is the paramount tragedy of our age, that while there is a universal urge to create there is also the inability to create! Creative longings and creative impotence go together. Everywhere there is lacking this one vital thing — the surety of creative energy and force for the want of which man's supreme efforts and achievements are either corrupted or paralyzed.

The fount of creative power has dried up! We can see it in the realm of morals, in the absence of great virtues and the fact that everything good is meagre and everything evil is luxuriant. It may be seen in politics, where in spite of so many protestations about brotherhood and unity the same old game of power-politics is being played. In art and literature, too, it may be seen for these no longer deal with great themes in a great manner, but depict in a second rate way what is unnatural and diseased. The realm of knowledge and wisdom suffer from the same impotence, for, the search for wisdom has become a barren questioning as whether man can really know anything at all. And as for science, its greatest triumphs, its greatest achievement, has proved to be the most terrifying instrument of destruction! All this is enough to show how true it is that in the world today man's creative power is well nigh exhausted. That is why, on every hand, there is a widespread sense of frustration, failure, dissatisfaction, and above all, fear. Although he will never admit it, the pride of man has been humbled and his brightest dreams have turned into night-mares!

Masonry was created as the pillar and bulwark of truth. It is a unique "Society" with a unique mission. Its uniqueness consists in the fact that it is based on the will and purposes of the Great Architect of the Universe. It is, therefore, when



Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

true to its mission imperishable. However, the disfigurement of the fraternity may be the unfaithfulness of the craftsmen. It may at times unworthily discharge its appointed task. Yet, however often it may compromise with the world and its way, however scarred or besmirked it may be by the assaults of its foes, it is a "society" that never loses the marks of its divine origin; the stamp of its creator remains upon it. Masonry survives today although rocked by many storms, torn by many a tumult, battered by many a contest with its enemies, because the Great Master called it into birth and because He maintains its existence. Because it is of Him, it stands and will continue to stand, the eternal and imperishable Temple.

The creative power of Masonry is seen in its creation of new men . . . not different men or improved men, but new men. In all time Masonry has been doing what no other person and no other power (unless of God) can hope to do, despite all the proud claims of the modern humanist, creating new men. It imparts new life to the True Craftsman. The heart of the matter is that if anyone is dissatisfied with himself and the life he now lives,

he can have a "new life", a new self, by living the tenets of our noble order, he is "brought from death to life" by a strong grip, both of a physical and spiritual nature.

Why, then, to go back to where we started this article, is it that in the world today, although there is a widespread urge to create, yet in every aspect of experience, in morals, in politics, in art, literature, wisdom and science, there is creative sterility, creative impotence, the power to destroy even the power to make things, yet not to create? Let one of the richest and most penetrating minds of the present time provide the answer. Nicolas Berdyaev has declared, "Thus man emerges from modern history not only deeply disillusioned, inwardly divided and disintegrated, but also creatively exhausted. Incapable of creating, he yet thirsts to create; this is the sign both of his impotence and the penalty inflicted on him for his self-affirmation and humanist refusal to submit himself to the supernatural, as a result of which his image disintegrates and his forces are dissipated." Only when men submit themselves to the supernatural, to God, will there come the great upsurging and liberation of creative energy and power for the lack of which the world is crippled in our unhappy age.

And what of ourselves? In the daily walks of our life we are trying to create, to create character, to create homes and countless other things. In many ways and several directions the creative impulse rises within us, because we are God's Craftsmen. This creative power that creates a new bond between God and men, that creates the new society and new men, avails for you and me in the great Masonic teachings and brotherhood.

Keep open the lines of communication between yourselves and the Great Architect of the Universe; read well the designs on the Trestleboard of your heart, so that there may flow into our souls and throb and surge through our innermost being the creative power of God, so that we may prove true in our own experience His long-standing promise — the building of that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

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HEARTH-SIDE CHATS

By
Tom MacRae, 32°



One of life's little pleasures is listening to the conversations on a two-way police radio which have plenty of humor as well as tragedy.

In our office we recently installed a 16-channel monitor and had a special antenna rigged on the chimney alongside the TV mount. The ensemble, to the casual passerby, must resemble the equipment at Cape Kennedy.

Not long ago a state trooper, through the bored voice of a dispatcher, was ordered to report the following day to a ranking officer in Raleigh.

A fellow trooper, overhearing the message, radioed his best wishes: "Guess they are fixing to make you a sergeant." Back came the answer: "I'm going to hold out for lieutenant."

As this is being written a Jacksonville cop radioed headquarters to report a car had crashed through the window of a supermarket: "Call a newspaper photographer." The desk man replied: "Ten-Four (O.K.), you might get your picture in the paper."

Police officers everywhere, regardless of rank, look forward to completing their tour of duty on time just like a young secretary with a big evening date. A wreck call is the LAST thing they want during a shift's final 15 minutes.

Recently an understandably irate officer was notified of a traffic accident TWO MINUTES before his relief was scheduled to take over. How about holding up that call for two minutes and let handle it?" he queried. "Sorry about that," came the dispatcher's sweet reply, "but I've got to put the disposition on the assignment BEFORE I CAN GO HOME."

Remi Savage, the veteran dispatcher at the Highway Patrol's Wilmington station

and a lodge secretary, must know every inch of Brunswick and New Hanover Counties. Not long ago a new trooper wanted to know how to reach a certain road. Brother Savage's detailed instructions, helpful to be sure, sounded something like this:

"You drive out Smith Road about three miles. Turn left at the white store with the green roof. Go up that road to where you can see two churches on the right. Turn right at the church with the steeple. Don't turn by the church with the shrubbery in the yard. About two miles down that road you'll see a big oak tree. Slow there and look for a small unpaved road that comes out between two bushes. You'll find the 10-50 (wreck) just down from there . . ."

Another time a newly-assigned trooper, lost in Wilmington, asked Brother Savage for directions to the patrol station. "What do you see in front of you right now?" Savage asked. The trooper described the view through his windshield. "Just come straight on for three miles and you'll be here," came the laconic advice.

While the FCC has rigid rules governing what can be said — and can't be said — on the air, frustrated law enforcement officers are only human.

Last month a police car was attempting to "clear the way" for an ambulance enroute to the hospital with the stork in very close pursuit. Cars failed to pull over for the flashing blue lights and screaming sirens.

"What's taking you so long to reach the hospital?" the dispatcher inquired. Back came a reply the FCC would never endorse. "These . . . cars won't pull over . . ." followed by an audible choke and silence.

Another dispatcher had trouble contacting a car near Hubert. Several calls were made without a response. Then came the dispatcher's voice: "Any car near Hubert, NORTH CAROLINA!" (Silence continued.)

In a South Carolina sheriff's office we were chatting with the gentleman when his radio gave forth a burst of Spanish. The elderly sheriff, who had never left his native state, bluntly asked, "Who the . . . is that?"

With his permission we picked up the microphone and shot some Spanish across the airwaves. No response. We then sang (?) one of the verses of La Cucaracha that never appeared in a family magazine. "Quien es?" one Spanish-speaking gentleman asked a colleague. "Un gringo" was the reply. Oral contact was made and we learned the Spanish came from the "National Police of Cuba." (We neglected to identify our station.)

The most classic police broadcast we heard, however, came early one morning in Georgia. Two gal dispatchers were exchanging cake recipes.

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SCOTTISH CLUBS RITE



Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting Monday night, Feb. 7, 1972, at "Tetterton's Restaurant" with good attendance and a splendid dinner.

Which one of us, standing facing the setting sun, has not pondered what lies beyond the veil which separates the seen from the unseen.

Time and events have shaped a new America. The economic system, the structure of government, the technology of living, the temperament of the people and even religious and moral precepts bear little resemblance to those prevailing in the America of yesterday.

There prevails an uncertainty in many

minds about the shape of the America of the future. Nothing could remove that uncertainty more quickly than a return to the "first principles" that will govern the lives of everyone in the new America just as they did in the old.

The basic foundation upon which this nation was founded, and has become the greatest nation the world has ever known, is woven through and through with the principles of Masonry. The life-line of Masonry and the life-line of morality and of religion is the plumb-line.

The Mason works with his trowel in one hand and with a plumb-line in the other. The man of integrity, the man of wisdom and the man who is going to do a work that will live, must do the same. If your work and mine is to abide, then whatever the daily task, as we labor with the trowel in our right hand, let us ever and continuously test our work by the

plumbline of God's law.

America which is made up of its individual citizens, has been sewing to the wind, consequently it must expect to reap the whirlwind. Too many deny the existence of God and his sustaining power, by which the Universe was created and is perpetuated.

When man builds by the perfect laws of the perfect God, the work will stand. But whenever man compromises, in any manner of living, whether in mind, in character, or in body, or in spiritual life, he fails and fails. In your speech, or in your conduct, or in whatever you do, or are, it doesn't matter how small the deviation from God's standard, it means ultimately your wreck, ruin and disaster, if you fail to obey God.

If America is to stand, if the Republic is to live, and we are to save humanity from taking the path of tragedy across the unknown sea of the future, somebody has got to stand by our political wall, with a plumb-line in his hand. God is drawing His plumb-line over the nations today. Human institutions are being weighed in the balances. We are going to learn that some day, and when we learn it, it will be a big day for America.

The minute you tilt a plumb-line, you haven't any plumb-line. The minute you deviate from truth, you haven't any truth. You must accept the plumb-line perfectly or reject it entirely. Any deviation from the law of God, however small, if carried

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far enough into the infinite, will mean failure, destruction and oblivion.

God says, "I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Jehovah".

My brethren, that "famine of hearing the word of the Lord" is upon us right now. Multiplied thousands neither hear nor heed the word of the Lord. A crime wave is upon us. Truth is fallen in the street. Households are wrecked, society polluted, character blasted and the nations are in turmoil. This age needs God's plumb-line; this age has forgotten God. Society is crumbling, tilting like a wall about to fall.

Who was it that organized these United States of America? The Protestant Church and the Masonic Lodge. A government "of the people, by the people and for the people. I never saw a man that had a backbone instead of a wishbone or who was anything of a man, start in Masonry and back out. Sometimes, of course, you may find a weakling; you can't blame him and you can't help him.

Let us go forth to build again, using the plumb-line, on which our nation was founded, that we may fulfill God's will for us as a people.

W. C. Chesson

Chowan Scottish Rite Club

The Chowan Scottish Rite Club held its monthly meeting on Jan. 21, 1972 at the Club house on Granville St. The members and their wives enjoyed a delicious steak dinner.

President Brad Williford outlined the objectives and goals for 1972 and appointed committees to explore the feasibility of attaining these goals and an excellent fellowship session was enjoyed by all.

The President takes this opportunity to urge all Scottish Rite Masons to join with us, we solicit your membership, support, fellowship, and brotherly love.

Now is the time to get your candidates in line for the Spring Reunion and make your plans to attend.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Brad Williford, President
Don Quinton, Secretary-Treasurer

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The regular meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was called to order on Feb. 7, 1972 by Vice-President J. C. Campobasso. Twenty members were in attendance. Noting that the Spring Reunion will soon be here and that not as many candidates as usual are available, it was suggested that the members work

In Memoriam

*Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears,
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
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To bring us bitter loss,
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Linwood M. Gaskins, Sr., 32°, Kinston, N. C.	November 4, 1971
Alton Jobe Bailey, 32°, Raleigh, N. C.	February 20, 1972

on some of the older Master Masons who have been hesitating about advancing to the Scottish Rite. The Vice-President feels that these members might respond to a little coaxing and some might take a little push.

Among other items discussed were a stag night and a ladies night but no definite plans were made. With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

J. C. Campobasso, Vice-President
Acting Secretary

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club met at the Carolina Coffee Shop, Thursday night January 27th with President Gid Kight, presiding. Brother Kight offered the Prayer opening the meeting. After dinner the following officers were elected for the year: Brother Cosby S. Jones, 32°, President; John D. Sanderlin, 32°, Vice-President and W. M. "Coonie" Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H., Secretary-Treasurer. Brother Richard K. Holloman, who has served our club as Secretary-Treasurer, since it was formed explained his reasons

for being unable to take the office this year. Brother "Dick" has done a fine job and we are sorry to lose him, though we know he will still be an active member.

Business brought up was concerning our Maundy Thursday services and ladies' night shrimp supper.

W. M. Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H.,
Secretary

Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club

Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club met at Brockway Masonic Hall Thursday night, 8:00 p.m. Feb. 3rd. Chas. A. Denham called the meeting to order with 16 members present. There being no old or unfinished business, the order of new business called for plans to be made at this time for our Ladies' Night dinner prior to the Spring Scottish Rite Reunion in New Bern.

The date proposed was March 23rd subject to confirmation by Secretary of Scottish Rite bodies in New Bern. A motion was made and seconded to set aside this date (if available), the motion was carried.

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Richard Lucas were selected as a committee to make all plans and arrangements and report to our next called meeting March 2nd, 1972.

President Denham gave an interesting talk on Scottish Masonry and called on all our Scottish Rite Masons to promote better Fraternal spirit in our club and the Masonic fraternity.

Attention was called that we not forget Maundy Thursday, March 30th, and Easter obligation of Scottish Rite Masons. No further business came before the club and the meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Jesse Gurganus.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark D. Stamps, Secretary

Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club met January 31, 1972, at King's Barbecue & Restaurant of Kinston. The invocation was given by Brother Don Hinds. A very delicious meal, family style, was enjoyed by all present. The meeting falling on two brothers' birthdays, they were presented a beautiful cake which had been prepared for the occasion. The celebrants were Brothers Bob Faulkner, and Marvin Kornegay.

The meeting was called to order by President Ronald Wall. Business at hand was disposed of. Officers for the year 1972 were elected with Brother Carrol Mercer, President, Brother Ray Newell, Vice-President and Brother Marvin Kornegay, Secretary. They were installed by Brother Lee Dorsey.

Our guest was Brother Ralph Dudley, who will take the degrees in April. Brother Willard Barrow and Lyman Barrow, joined our club and were welcomed. It was voted to remit the dues of Brother Ralph Smith who is a resident of Masonic & Eastern Star Home of Greensboro.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed. Brother Lee Dorsey gave the benediction.

Marvin Kornegay, Secretary

Martin County Scottish Rite Club

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting at Your Restaurant in Robersonville, February 2, at 7:15 P.M. Seventeen members and two guests were present. The Invocation was given by King Leggett. President Williams welcomed the group and introduced Brother Loyal Corey and W. E. Everetts. President Williams explained to the group the reason for the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer George Bagley.

Bill Tetterton was recognized and presented to Uncle Marvin a certificate from

New Bern appointing him Ambassador for the year; he was duly congratulated.

Brother Jake Whitley was introduced by President Williams as Speaker of the evening and he brought the group several interesting and amusing stories as well as some timely remarks about Masonry. Many of his remarks were illustrated by a story of sheep and the 23rd Psalm. They were very well received by the group. President Williams expressed the appreciation of the club for the presentation.

It was decided by the Club to meet at the Town and Country Restaurant in Williamston for the next meeting to begin at 7:15 P.M.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

J. L. Williams, President

Robert E. Andrews, Vice-President

George Bagley, Secretary-Treasurer

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club held its regular monthly meeting, Monday, December 14th, with Brother Jake Chadwick, President, presiding.

The Invocation was given by Brother Robert L. Pugh. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and the Treasurer's report given.

The floor was opened for the nomination of officers to serve for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected to serve during the year of 1972.

Brother Johnny R. West, President; Brother Charles F. Dickinson, Sr., Vice-President; and Brother Edward W. Paul, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

Brother Johnny West complimented Brother Jake Chadwick for the excellent job done as President. Brother Charles Dickerson was also complimented on the outstanding performance of his duties as Secretary.

Brother Bob Pugh expressed his belief that the coming year held great prospects for being a very good year for our Scottish Rite Consistory. The hub of Scottish Rite Masonry is formed by all Scottish Rite Clubs participating to the fullest to assist in bringing more light in Masonry to those eligible to receive the Scottish Rite degrees.

Brother West made a motion to suspend the January 10, 1972 meeting so as not to interfere with the installation of officers of St. John's Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M., and the celebration of their 200th Anniversary. The motion carried.

Brother West encouraged all members possible to be present for the meeting to be held Monday night, February 14, 1972 so all could get an early start in preparing for the Spring Reunion.

It is important to note that we are Masons, not by invitation, but by our own

choosing, by being able to petition a lodge as men of freedom. We as Masons can show the world about us what Masonry stands for in brotherly love, morality, civic affairs and politics. Every Mason has asked for more light in Masonry. The lesson for us is to let the world see our light by our performance, by letting our lives show that we care for our fellow man by our morality and good works. As long as we express our belief in God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we are privileged to serve our fraternity in advancing the purposes and obtaining the objects of the true and genuine Masonry. May the light of Free Masonry ever continue to lead us.

E. W. Paul, Jr.

Ocracoke Scottish Rite Club

On Thursday, February 3, the regular meeting of Ocracoke Scottish Rite Club was held with 14 members present. President Junis Austin presided. There was a motion made and seconded that a donation be taken up to help increase the amount in the club treasury. There was \$20.35 collected.

Motion made and seconded and approved by all present that we have a dutch supper in March. The date to be set at our next meeting.

Frank D. Teeter

Secretary-Treasurer

Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd at the Cherry Hotel during which time, a most enjoyable time was had by everyone. The brethren met a little before 7 and enjoyed chatting and getting to know our speaker for the evening.

On the hour the meeting was called to order and Bro. C. C. Burris offered thanks. A delicious meal consisting of rice and gravy, chicken, pork chops, tea and coffee, and dessert was heartily eaten and many jokes and stories were told, to everyone's amusement.

With the meal over, the meeting began with some comments about some of the membership being sick and unable to attend this time. Our guest, Mr. Ed Crawley was introduced and gave a most interesting talk on a local new business which he had gotten started; that of double knit fabrics. It was most interesting and many questions were asked.

The meeting was officially declared over and we all left enthused and ready to meet again and enjoy good Scottish Rite Fellowship.

Claude A. Anthony, 32°



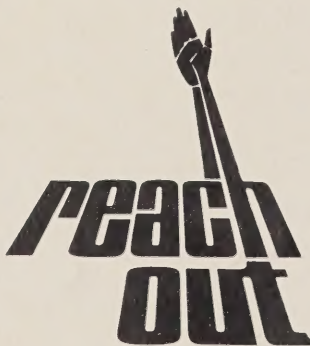
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